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Commissioner for Patents
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**4TH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97, and 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the list of documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

[X] 1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, as it is filed:

[] A. within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

[] B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

[X] C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below).

[X] i. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (a) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the

filing of this IDS; or (b) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

☐ ii. A check for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p), presently believed to be \$240, is enclosed ☐).

☐ D. after (A), (B) and (C) above, but before payment of the issue fee: Applicant petitions under 37 CFR §1.97(d) for the consideration of this IDS. A check for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i), presently believed to be \$130 is enclosed (check no. ____). Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either (i) cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS; or (ii) was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

☐ 2. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO-1449) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below.

☐ A. Document(s) ____ is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s), and, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.

☐ B. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior application(s), which are relied upon under 35 USC §120:

Applicant identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

☐ 3. Documents _____ are not in the English language. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(c), Applicant states:

☐ A. An English translation of each document _____ (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application, or English language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.

☐ B. A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is found in the attached Office Action (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20)

☐ C. A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) [Insert concise explanation of relevance] is set forth as follows:

☐ D. A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) ____ of the specification can be found on page(s) ____.

☐ E. A concise explanation of document(s) ____ can be found on the attached sheet.

4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

☒ 5. Other information being provided for the Examiner's consideration follows:

An European Search Report dated October 11, 2007, which issued during the prosecution of Applicant's European Patent Application Number EP 07 01 6029.--

6. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this IDS should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 (b), or that any cited document listed or attached is (or constitutes) prior art. Unless otherwise indicated, the date of publication indicated for an item is taken from the face of the item and Applicant reserves the right to prove that the date of publication is in fact different.

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